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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

A1 Claim 7 (amended). Rotary press according to Claim 1, wherein the interacting zones (1, 29) of the shell surface and the external component (33) are designed as serration or as friction surfaces.

A2 Claim 11 (amended). Rotary press according to Claim 8, wherein the zone (29) of the external component (33) indicates several spring elements (37), lying one behind the other in the movement direction of the punch (6, 7) and arranged in a comb-like manner.